

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1      Claim 1. (*Original*) A portable fifth wheel release lever for opening release jaws of a fifth wheel,  
2      comprising:

3              an elongate fulcrum member having a first end, a second end opposite the first end, and a  
4              medial portion therebetween;

5              an elongate lever arm having a fulcrum attachment end, a handle end opposite the fulcrum  
6              attachment end, and a working span therebetween;

7              a fulcrum member attachment sleeve pivotally attached to the fulcrum attachment end of said  
8              lever arm, the medial portion of said fulcrum member being slidable in the sleeve; and

9              a fifth wheel release handle pull member extending from the working span of said lever arm.

1      Claim 2. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 1, wherein said lever arm  
2      further comprises:

3              a hollow, elongate first lever arm section having a first end defining the fulcrum attachment end  
4              of said lever arm and having a second end, the working span of said lever arm extending between the  
5              first end and the second end of the first lever arm section; and

6              an elongate second lever arm section telescopingly extending from the first lever arm section,  
7      and having stop end and having a handle end disposed outside of the first lever arm section.

1       Claim 3. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 2, further including:  
2                    a bolt pivotally disposed transversely through the fulcrum attachment end of said lever arm;  
3                    an elongate extension rod attached to and extending normal from said bolt, the extension rod  
4                    being disposed substantially coaxially within said lever arm and having a stop end opposite said bolt;  
5                    a first stop washer affixed to and extending radially about the stop end of said extension rod,  
6                   ; and  
7                    a second stop washer affixed to the stop end of the second lever arm section, the extension rod  
8                    being slidable through the second stop washer with the first stop washer extending into the second lever  
9                    arm section, precluding removal of said second lever arm section from said first lever arm section.

1       Claim 4. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 1, wherein said fifth  
2       wheel release handle pull member further comprises:  
3                    a flexible fifth wheel release handle pull chain extending from the working span of said lever  
4       arm, the chain having a lever attachment end and a release handle attachment end portion opposite the  
5       lever attachment end; and  
6                    a hook adjustably secured to the release handle attachment end portion of the chain.

1       Claim 5. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 1, further including a bolt  
2       pivotally disposed transversely through the fulcrum attachment end of said lever arm, and having  
3       opposite ends extending therefrom, the fulcrum member attachment sleeve being immovably affixed to  
4       one of said ends of said bolt.

1 Claim 6. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 1, wherein:  
2       said fulcrum member is slidingly disposed within said fulcrum member attachment sleeve; and  
3       said fulcrum member further includes a single stop flange immovably affixed generally about said  
4 medial portion thereof.

1 Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) A portable fifth wheel release lever, comprising:  
2       an elongate fulcrum member having a first end, a second end opposite said first end, and a  
3 medial portion therebetween;  
4       a lever arm, comprising:  
5            a hollow, elongate first lever arm section having a fulcrum attachment end secured to  
6       said fulcrum member, a second lever arm extension end opposite said fulcrum attachment end, and a  
7       working span therebetween;

8            an elongate second lever arm section telescopingly extending from said first lever arm  
9       section, and having a first lever arm section attachment end and a handle end opposite said first lever  
10      arm section attachment end; and

11            a fifth wheel release handle pull member extending from said working span of said first lever  
12      arm section, wherein said fifth wheel release handle pull member further comprises:

13               a flexible chain extending from said working span of said first lever arm section, having  
14       a lever arm attachment end and a release handle hook attachment end portion opposite said lever arm

15 attachment end; and

16                   a release handle attachment hook adjustably secured to said release handle hook  
17                   attachment end portion of said chain.

1       Claim 8. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 7, further including:

2                   a bolt pivotally disposed transversely through said fulcrum attachment end of said lever arm;  
3                   an anchor washer disposed about said bolt, within said fulcrum attachment end of said lever  
4                   arm;

5                   an elongate extension rod disposed substantially coaxially within said lever arm, having an  
6                   anchor end affixed to said anchor washer and a second lever arm section stop end opposite said  
7                   anchor end;

8                   a first stop washer affixed to said second lever arm section stop end of said extension rod,  
9                   disposed within said second lever arm section; and

10                  a second stop washer captured upon said extension rod and affixed to said first lever arm  
11                  section attachment end of said second lever arm section, precluding removal of said second lever arm  
12                  section from said first lever arm section.

1 Claim 9. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 7, further including a  
2 fulcrum member attachment sleeve pivotally secured to said fulcrum attachment end of said first lever  
3 arm section and surrounding said fulcrum member, pivotally securing said fulcrum member to said first  
4 lever arm section.

Claim 10. (*Canceled*)

1 Claim 11. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 7, further including:  
2 a bolt pivotally disposed generally diametrically through said fulcrum attachment end of said  
3 lever arm, and having opposite ends extending therefrom; and  
4 said fulcrum member attachment sleeve being immovably affixed to one of said ends of said  
5 bolt.

1 Claim 12. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 7, wherein:  
2 said fulcrum member is slidably disposed within said fulcrum member attachment sleeve; and  
3 said fulcrum member further includes a single stop flange immovably affixed generally about said  
4 medial portion thereof

1       Claim 13. (*Currently Amended*) A portable fifth wheel release lever, comprising:  
2               an elongate fulcrum member having a first end, a second end opposite said first end, and a  
3               medial portion therebetween;  
4               an elongate lever arm having a fulcrum attachment end secured to said fulcrum member, a  
5               handle end opposite said fulcrum attachment end, and a working span therebetween;  
6               a fulcrum member attachment sleeve pivotally secured to said fulcrum attachment end of said  
7               lever arm and surrounding said fulcrum member, pivotally securing said fulcrum member to said lever  
8               arm;  
9               a flexible fifth wheel release handle pull chain extending from said working span of said first  
10          lever arm section, having a lever arm attachment end and a release handle hook attachment end portion  
11          opposite said lever arm attachment end; and  
12               a release handle attachment hook adjustably secured to said release handle hook attachment  
13          end portion of said chain.

Claim 14. (*Canceled*)

1       Claim 15. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 13, wherein said lever  
2       arm further comprises:  
3               a hollow, elongate first lever arm section having a fulcrum attachment end secured to said  
4       fulcrum member, a second lever arm extension end opposite said fulcrum attachment end, with said

5 working span disposed therebetween; and

6 an elongate second lever arm section telescopingly extending from said first lever arm section,  
7 and having a first lever arm section attachment end and a handle end opposite said first lever arm  
8 section attachment end.

1 Claim 16. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 15, further including:

2 a bolt pivotally disposed generally diametrically through said fulcrum attachment end of said  
3 lever arm;

4 an anchor washer disposed about said bolt, within said fulcrum attachment end of said lever  
5 arm;

6 an elongate extension rod disposed substantially coaxially within said lever arm, having an  
7 anchor end affixed to said anchor washer and a second lever arm section stop end opposite said  
8 anchor end;

9 a first stop washer affixed to said second lever arm section stop end of said extension rod,  
10 disposed within said second lever arm section; and

11 a second stop washer captured upon said extension rod and affixed to said first lever arm  
12 section attachment end of said second lever arm section, precluding removal of said second lever arm  
13 section from said first lever arm section.

1       Claim 17. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 13, further including:  
2                    a bolt pivotally disposed generally diametrically through said fulcrum attachment end of said  
3                    lever arm, and having opposite ends extending therefrom; and  
4                    said fulcrum member attachment sleeve being immovably affixed to one of said ends of said  
5                    bolt.

1       Claim 18. (*Original*) The portable fifth wheel release lever according to claim 13, wherein:  
2                    said fulcrum member is slidingly disposed within said fulcrum member attachment sleeve; and  
3                    said fulcrum member further includes a single stop flange immovably affixed generally about said  
4                    medial portion thereof.